

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-4 and 10 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 and 10 were allowed in the outstanding Official Action.

However, the outstanding Official Action objected to the specification on the grounds that the figures and brief description of the figures did not contain sequence identifiers. Moreover, the outstanding Official Action also alleged that page 44 of the specification lacked the necessary sequence identifiers.

Applicants believe that the present amendment obviates this objection. A revised Sequence Listing is provided herewith, attached to the present amendment, in paper and disk formats. Applicants hereby state that the attached paper and computer readable copies have the same content, and introduce no new matter into the present application. The Sequence Listing now includes the sequences found on page 44 in the present specification. As no sequence identifiers are present in the Figures or the Brief Description of the Figures, applicants do not believe that additional changes to the Sequence Listing are required.

In this regard, the specification has been amended so it is commensurate with the submission of the present Sequence Listing.

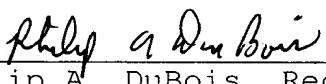
Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, with claims 1-4 and 10, as presented. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis are accordingly respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

A Sequence Listing in paper and disk formats.